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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 10 December 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Angola (S/1997/959)

Central African Republic (S/1997/954)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m.	69th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/52/23 (Parts I-VII), A/AC.109/2071-2072, 2074-2078, 2080-2082, 2084-2090);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/364 and Add. 1);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/52/L.64, A/52/23 (Part II), Chapter III, para. 10).

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/614) [84].

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/615) [85].

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/616) [86].

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/617) [87].

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/618) [88].

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/619) [89].

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/620) [90].

9. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/621) [91 and 18].

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/622) [92 and 12].

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/623) [93].

12. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/624) [94].

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/52/613) [18].

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/52/L.64, A/52/23, Part II, Chapter III, para. 10) [18].

Informal consultations

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and all its sub-items conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria)

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/7/Add.1-2 and 4, A/52/16/Add.1, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303 and Add.1, A/C.5/52/23 and Corr.1, A/C.5/52/19, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27)

   Introduction and conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115] (A/C.5/52/16 and A/52/7/Add.5)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Human resources management [153] (A/52/580 and Corr.1)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II) and Add.1, A/52/16 and Add.1, A/52/7 and Chapter II, Parts I-XII and Add.1-2, A/51/950 and Corr.1 (Arabic only) and Add.1-6, A/52/303 and Add.1, A/C.5/51/53, A/C.5/51/57, A/C.5/52/15, A/C.5/52/20 and A/C.5/52/27))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 135 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/51/976, A/52/520, A/52/696, A/C.5/52/4 and Corr.1)) and 137 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/30, A/52/520, A/52/697 and A/C.5/52/13 and Corr.1))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 113 (Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors: (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research and (c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/52/5/Add.4, A/52/5/Add.5, A/52/261, A/52/381 and A/52/518))

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

WORKING GROUP ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON PENALTIES

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations reform: measures and proposals
2. Construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa
3. Draft report
4. United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1997

Consultations will take place under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Gerhard Walter Henze (Germany) *today*, 10 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and *tomorrow*, 11 December, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6 and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, on the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 1998, as well as a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1998 (E/ 1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 10 December 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Economic and Social Council matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ARAB GROUP

3.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

ORIENTATION COURSE ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting on draft resolution A/52/L.45 (item 20) on the security humanitarian personnel *today*, 10 December 1997, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 4 December 1997, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m. or upon completion of the Council's deliberations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 11 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 16 December 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The first regular session 1998 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 19 to 23 January 1998 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1998/L.1.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than 12 January 1998.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1998* on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited.

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There will be a meeting of Land-locked Developing Countries on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs will hold an ad hoc expert group meeting on "Groundwater Management Perspectives: the distribution of environmental and socio-economic factors and the search for sustainable groundwater management" on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

A high-level briefing on the UNDP Trust Fund Project "Reintegration Support Scheme for Demobilized Soldiers in Mozambique" will take place on Thursday 11 December 1997, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Conference Room 8. The briefing, to be chaired by the UNDP Administrator, will be on the conclusions, recommendations and "lessons learnt" from this project. It will be made to the Permanent Representatives of the donors and other Governments directly concerned. Other interested delegates, United Nations officials and non-governmental organizations may also attend.

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The Executive Director of the World Food Programme will give a briefing on "El Niño's potential impact on food security" and on "The World Food Programme Task Force set up to enable a rapid response to food emergency situations" on Monday, 15 December 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 9 December 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

67th and 68th plenary meetings

Note: The summary of the 67th and 68th plenary meetings will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/239).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 50th and 51st meetings

Note: The summary of the 50th and 51st meetings of the Second Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/239).

FIFTH COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/52/L.19: United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (A/C.5/52/21 and Add.1)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee contained in document A/52/707.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Guatemala.

The Chairman of the Committee proposed an oral decision.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement and referred the matter to informal consultations.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/52/L.15 and Corr.1: Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-ninth session (A/C.5/52/23 and Corr.1)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the report of that Committee on the question.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, the Niger, India and Cameroon.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Chairman made a statement and proposed to conduct informal consultations on the matter.

Note by the Secretary-General on a request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1998 (A/C.5/52/14)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally presented the report of that Committee on the question.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Uganda and Cuba.

The Controller responded to a question posed.

The Chairman proposed an oral decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision proposed by the Chairman.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions for 1997 (A/C.5/52/17)

The Chairman made a statement and proposed an oral decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision proposed by the Chairman.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Human resources management [153]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management, who also introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat (A/52/580 and Corr.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Pakistan, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Bahamas.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management responded to questions posed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Safety of the United Nations and Associated Personnel, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1994

Accession: Republic of Korea (8 December 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other speakers will include Mr. Philip Alston, Chairman of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Mr. Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize Laureate for Literature; H.E. Mr. Karmalesh Sharma, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations; and Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Children. The programme, organized by the Department of Public Information, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the press are invited to attend.

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Award presentation

The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, will present the Tenth Annual Sasakawa/DHA Disaster Prevention Award, for outstanding contribution to disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness, on Thursday, 11 December 1997, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day
(10 December)

Human Rights Day, *today*, 10 December, will be observed with a special programme to launch the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948-1998). Opening remarks will be given by Mr. Hennadiy Udovenko, President of the General Assembly. The event will feature Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States, as the first keynote speaker. Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, will give the second keynote address. The message of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will be read by Dr. Purificación Quisumbing, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Department for Public Information and the Very Special Arts organization, affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Washington, D.C.), will present an exhibition entitled "A Very Special Arts Exhibit". The exhibition will continue until 5 January 1998 in the First Basement of the General Assembly Building (at the "Viennese Cafe").

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